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Box No. I Basis of the report

1. With regard to the language, this report is based on:

- ☒ the international application in the language in which it was filed
- ☐ a translation of the international application into _____, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rules 12.3(a) and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4(a))
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rules 55.2(a) and/or 55.3(a))

2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:

- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1 - 13 as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____
- ☒ the claims:
- pages _____ as originally filed/furnished
- pages* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- pages* 14 - 17 received by this Authority on 08.12.2005
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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- ☐ the description, pages _____
- ☐ the claims, Nos. _____
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs _____
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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-18</u>	YES
	Claims	_____	NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

The invention concern a method, system and an associated node for efficient resource reservation in a packet switched telecommunications network and solves the problem of avoiding over-dimensioning and over-provisioning during resource reservation.

Document cited in the International Search Report:

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The cited document represents the general state of the art. The invention defined in the amended claims 1-18 is not disclosed by this document.

The cited prior art does not give any indication that would lead a person skilled in the art to the claimed method, system or node adapted for executing resource reservation in a packet switched telecommunications network. Therefore, the claimed invention is not obvious to a person skilled in the art.

Accordingly, the invention defined in claims 1-18 is novel and is considered to involve an inventive step. The invention is industrially applicable.

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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method in a packet switched telecommunications network comprising a plurality of nodes for providing resource reservation between a reservation initiator and a reservation receiver of an ON-OFF like traffic comprising the steps of:

- defining an object including descriptors of the desired Quality of Service (QoS), packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope, and sub-object of description of source statistics for a call admission control;
- initializing reservation for a flow of transmission of the ON-OFF like traffic in the reservation initiator;
- reserving resources in the nodes along the flow of transmission;
- receiving reservation message in the reservation receiver;
- sending back an acknowledgement to the reservation initiator.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein the call admission control uses at least one sub-object of the source statistics description in each node along the flow of transmission.

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3. The method of claims 1 - 2 wherein the sub-object of description of the source statistics comprises information about type and at least one parameter of the distribution of the traffic.
4. The method of claim 1 - 3 wherein the distribution type of the length of the ON and/or OFF periods are exponential.
5. The method of claims 1 - 3 wherein the parameter of the length of the ON periods is the mean time of ON periods.
6. The method of claims 1 - 3 wherein the parameter of the length of the OFF periods is the mean time of ON periods.
7. The method of claims 1 - 6 wherein packet switched telecommunications network is an IP based network.
8. The method of claims 1 - 6 wherein nodes are routers of a Terrestrial Radio Access Network of a Universal Mobile Telecommunications Network (UTRAN).
9. The method of claims 1 - 6 wherein the call admission control uses at least one sub-object of source statistics description in edge nodes of a resource domain along the flow of transmission.
10. A system for providing resource reservation in a packet switched network including a reservation initiator (RI), a reservation receiver (RR) and a plurality of nodes linked together by transmission channels, in which system the resource reservation

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of an ON-OFF like traffic is implemented and wherein at least a part of the plurality of nodes include:

- means for processing descriptors of the desired QoS;
- means for processing packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope, and
- means for processing description of source statistics.

11. The system of claim 10 wherein the reservation initiator (RI) is a base station controller and the reservation receiver (RR) is a radio network controller of the packet switched network.

12. The system of claim 10 wherein the reservation initiator (RI) is a radio network controller and the reservation receiver (RR) is a base station controller of the packet switched network.

13. The system of claim 10 wherein the nodes are IP routers of an IP network.

14. A node in a packet switched telecommunications network including sub-objects of

- descriptors of the desired QoS;
- packet level traffic parameters characterizing the traffic envelope, and
- description of source statistics;

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15. The node of claim 14 wherein the sub-object of description of the source statistics comprises information about type and at least one parameter of the distribution of the traffic.

16. The node of claims 14 - 15 wherein the distribution type of the length of the ON and/or OFF periods are exponential.

17. The node of claims 14 - 15 wherein the parameter of the length of the ON periods is the mean time of ON periods.

18. The node of claims 14 -15 wherein the parameter of the length of the OFF periods is the mean time of ON periods.